

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~Process and device for coding video images~~

A ~~The process and device for coding video images using a non object-based coding standard that comprises: a step of extraction (1) of extracts~~ at least one video object from an image originating from a sequence of images, by the construction of a segmentation key defining the contours of the object in the image; ~~— a step of coding (2) the~~ The video object is coded according to the MPEG 2 standard so as to form an elementary stream (ES); ~~— a step of coding (3) the~~ The segmentation key relating to the video object, is coded according to the MPEG 2 standard, so as to form an elementary stream; ~~— a step of coding (5) a~~ A background image into which the object is to be inserted is coded, according to the MPEG 2 standard, so as to form an elementary stream; ~~— a step of multiplexing (4, 6, 7) the~~ The elementary streams relating to one or more objects and to the background image are multiplexed so as to provide a ~~programme~~ program stream (PS) or transport stream (TS) according to the MPEG 2 standard.

~~Applications relate to studios, transmission, storage of video images.~~

~~Fig. 3.~~